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Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 and respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Enclosed are U.S. Patent Nos. 4,804,436, 4,795,523, and 4,963,207, which correspond to European Patent Nos. EP 0 243 851, EP 0 248 301, and EP 0 264 600, respectively, all cited on page 12 of the specification.

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Also enclosed is copending U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/823,543, filed March 30, 2001. Enclosed are U.S. Patent No. 4,425,953 and British Patent No. GB 1,462,656, which correspond to French Patent Nos. FR 2499912 and FR 2222232, respectively, both cited on the International Search Report for PCT/EP99/07264. U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/823,543 claims priority to International Patent Appl. No. PCT/EP99/07264. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. All other references cited on the Search Report have been previously submitted to the Patent Office.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

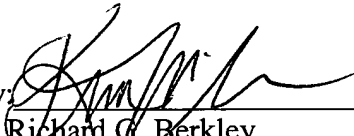
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